

FIG. 1

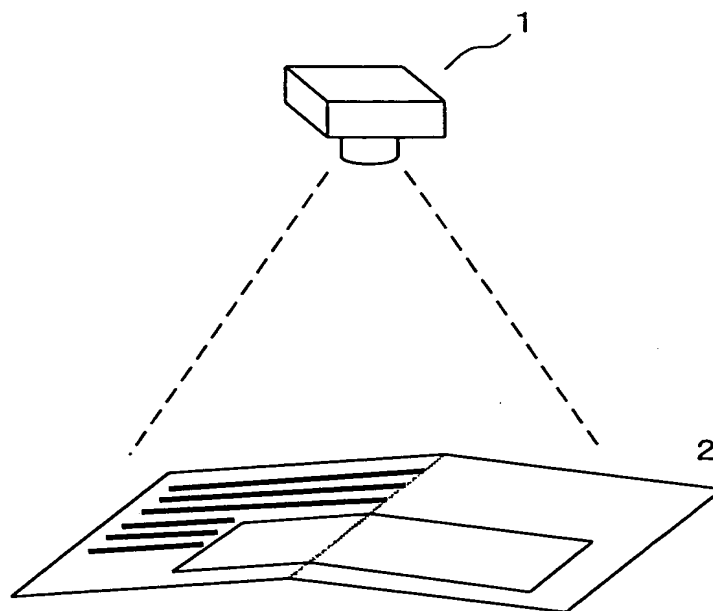


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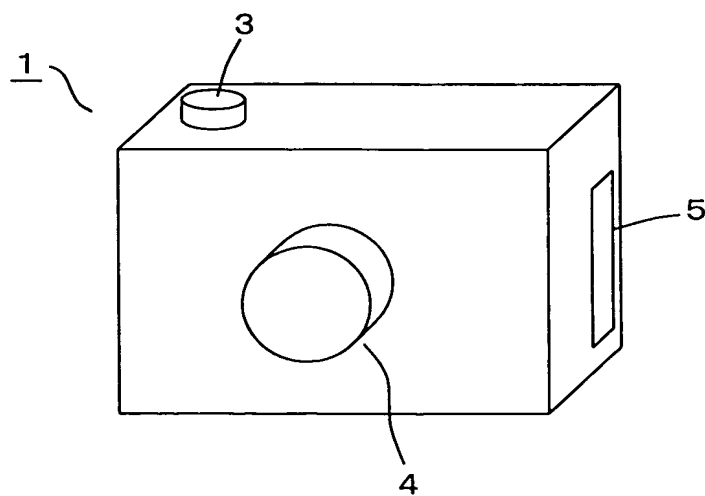


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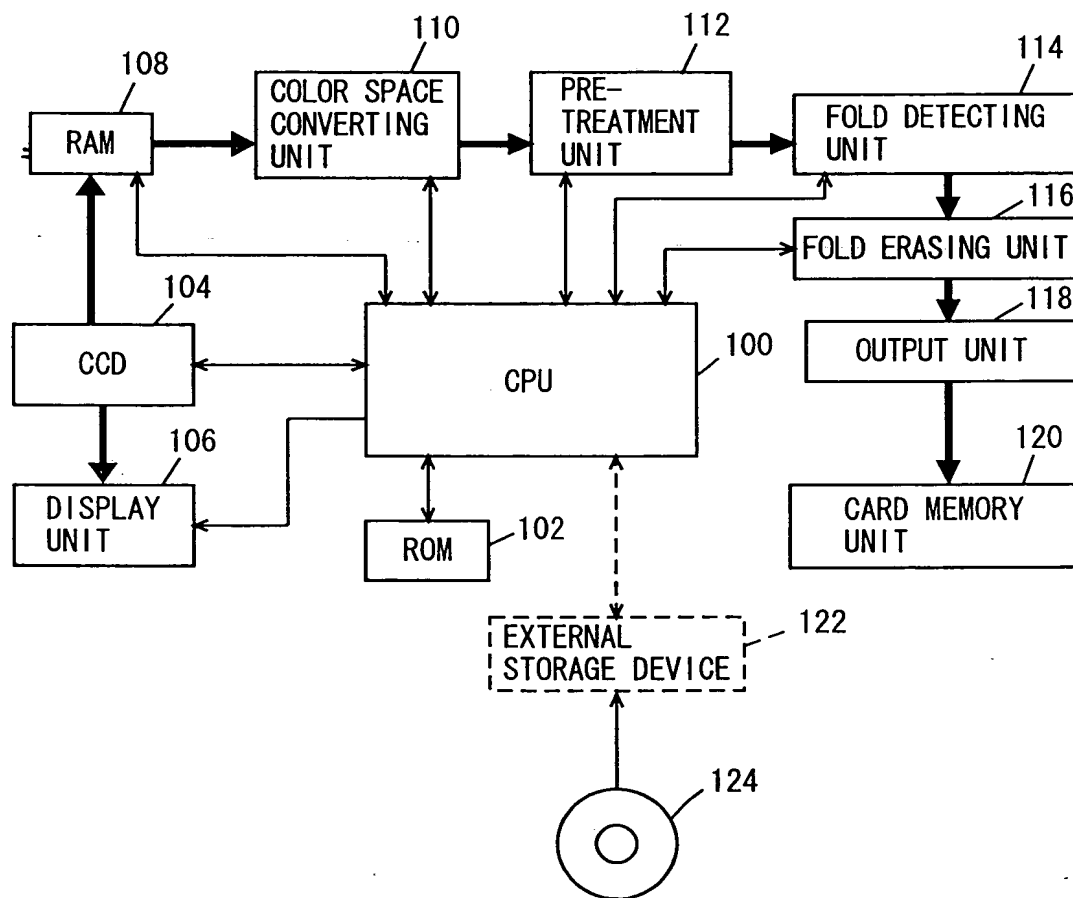


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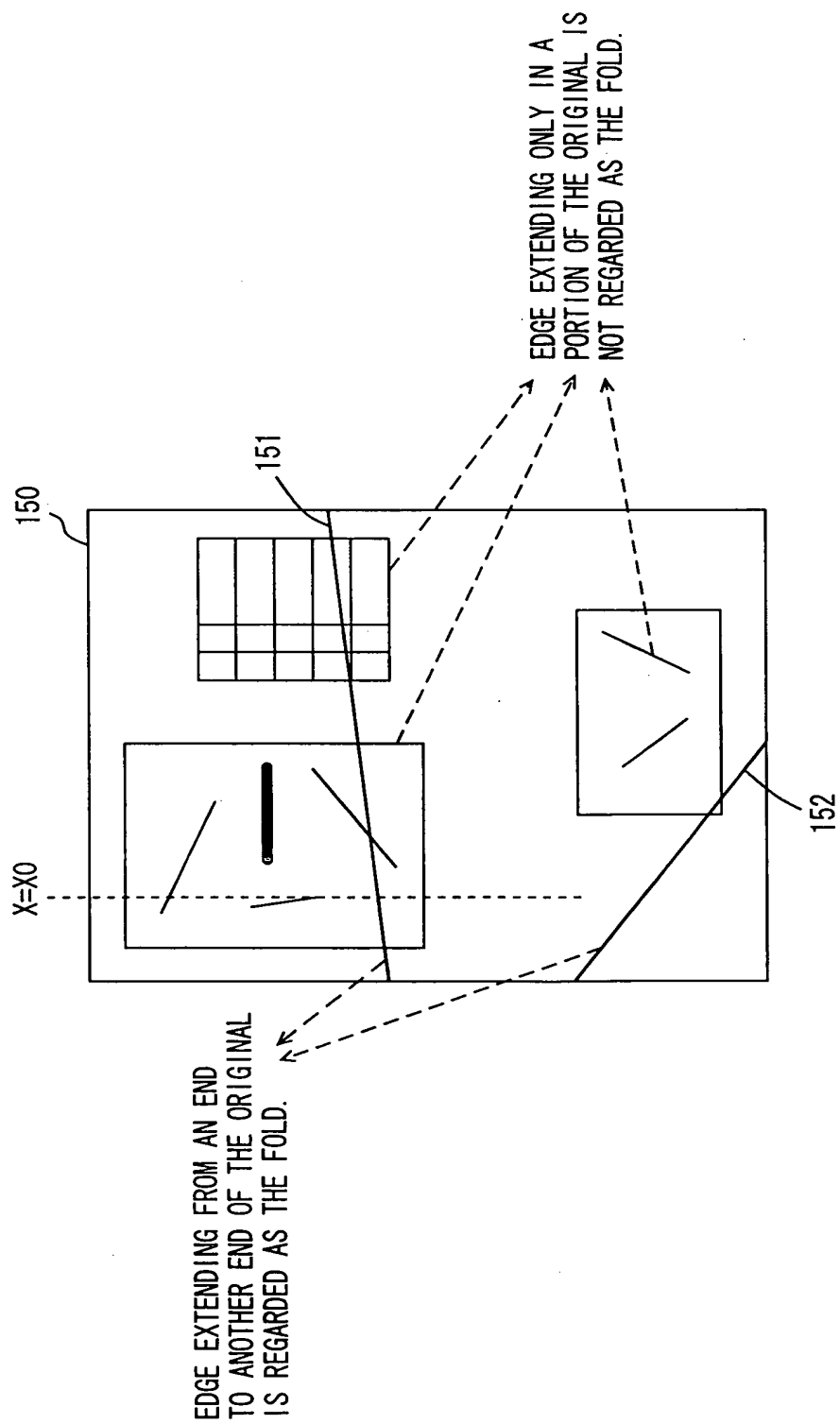


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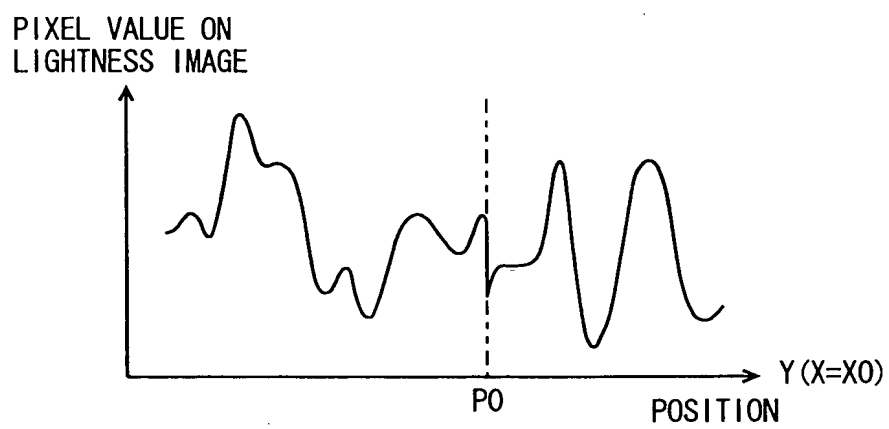


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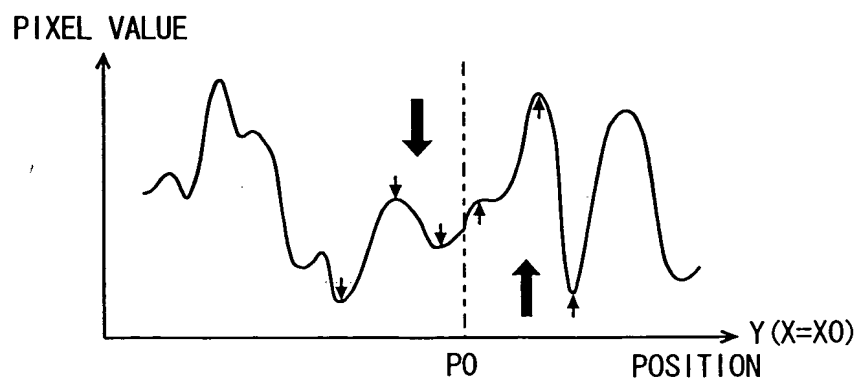


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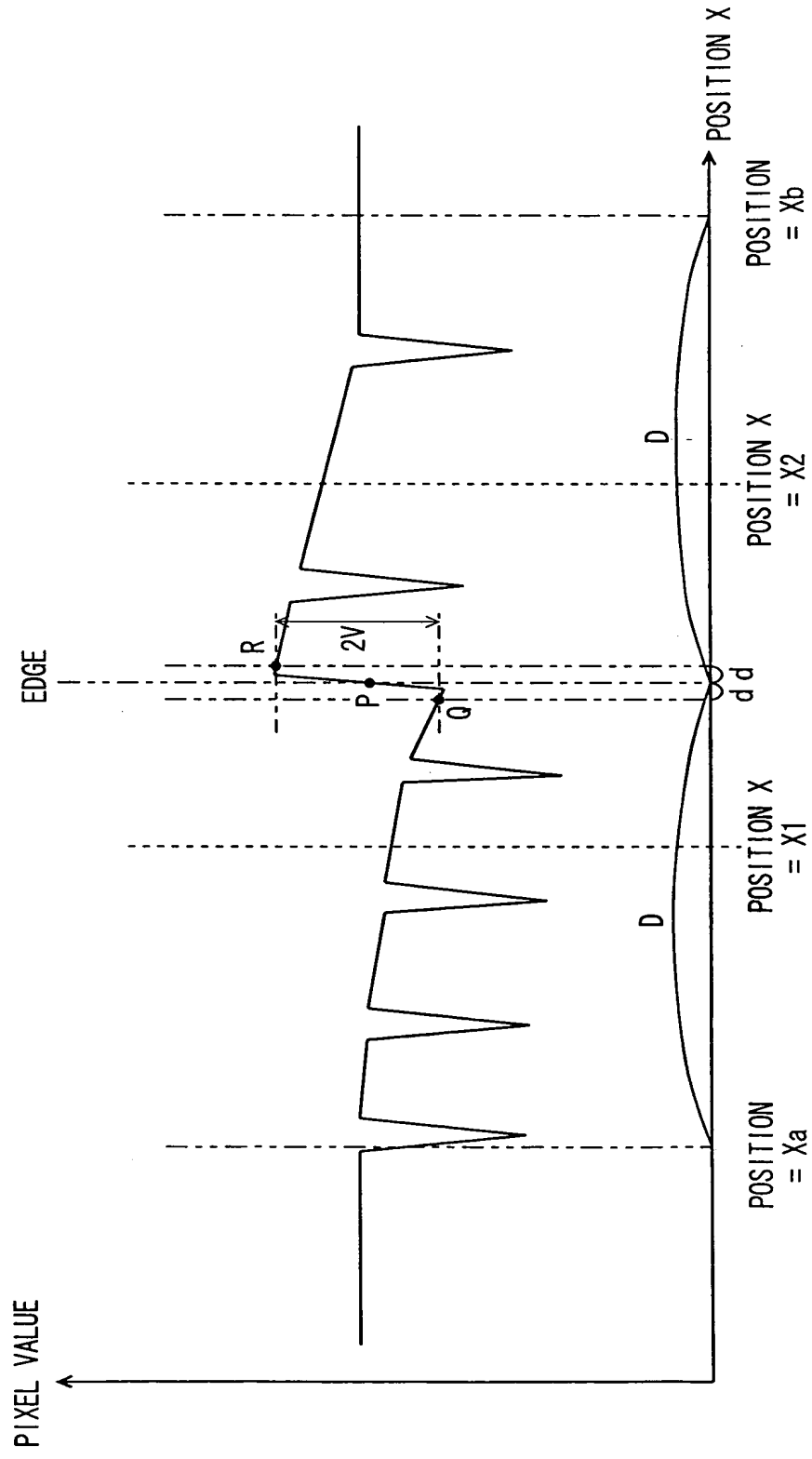


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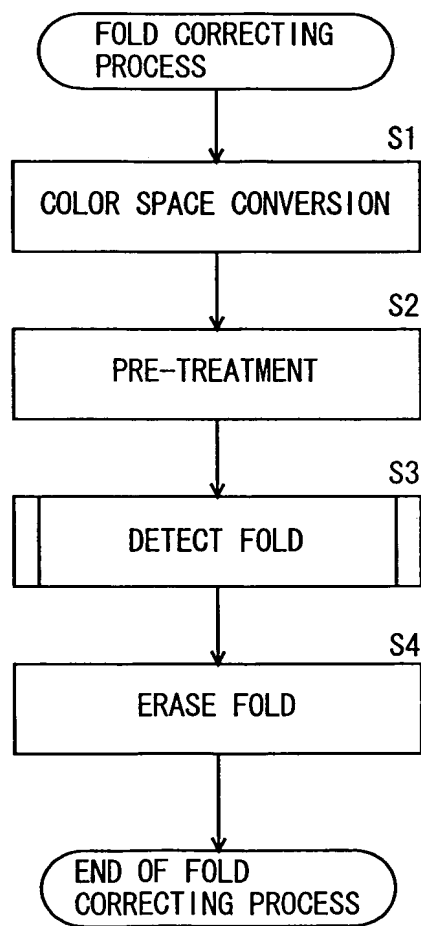


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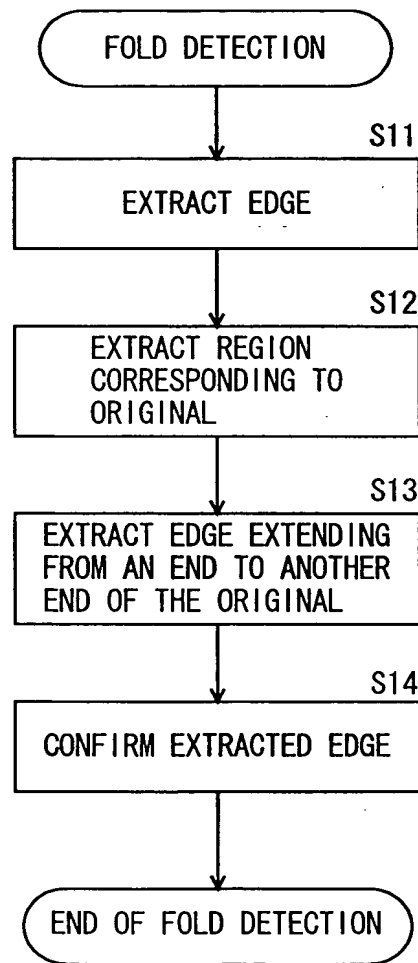


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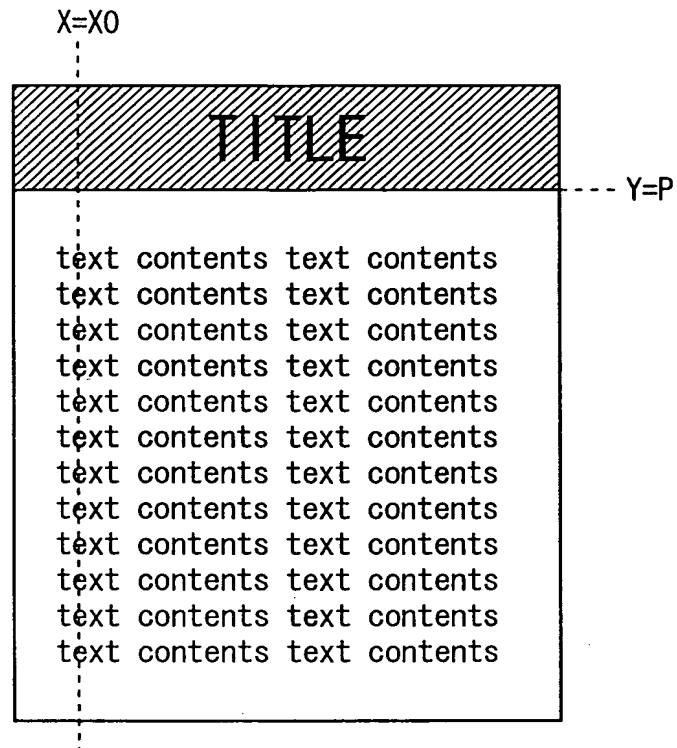


FIG. 11

BACKGROUND PIXEL VALUES ARE DIFFERENT IN THE REGIONS EACH AT A PRESCRIBED DISTANCE FROM THE DETECTED EDGE.

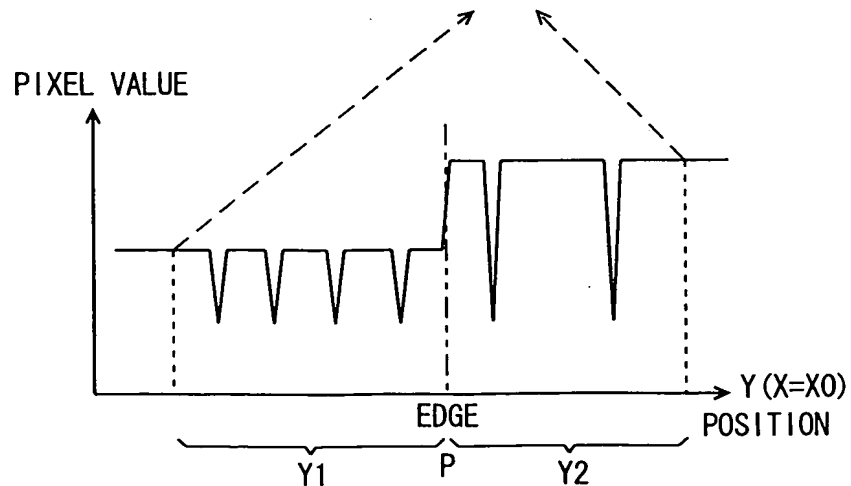




FIG. 12

BACKGROUND PIXEL VALUES ARE THE SAME IN THE REGIONS EACH AT A PRESCRIBED DISTANCE FROM THE DETECTED EDGE.

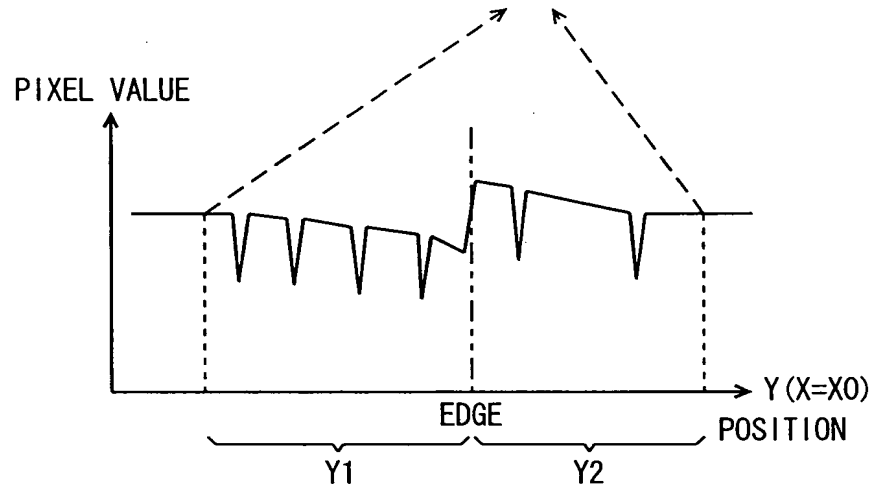


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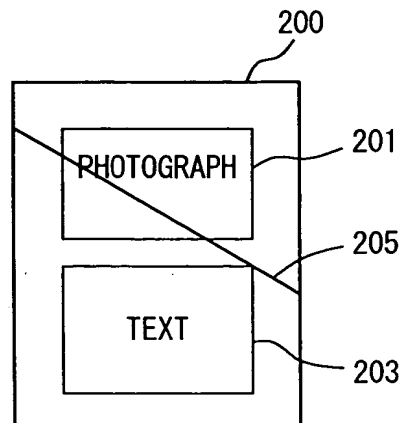


FIG. 14

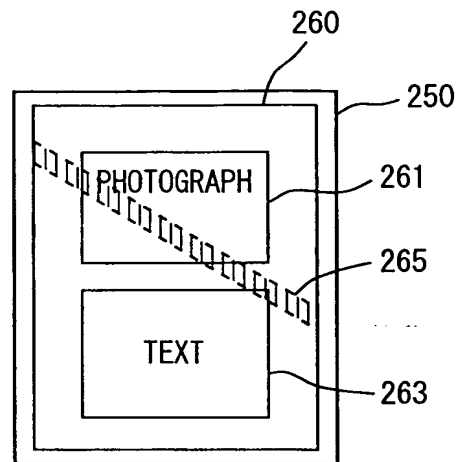


FIG. 15

